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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION INVESTIGATION OF DENTAL CARE INDUSTRY

1. FTC IS INVESTIGATING DENTAL CARE INDUSTRY IN THE U.S.,
PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO RESTRAINTS ON ADVERTISING BY
DENTISTS. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE COMPARATIVE INFORMATION
WITH REGARD TO CURRENT SITUATION IN MEXICO, FTC REQUESTS
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. ARE DENTISTS PERMITTED UNDER MEXICAN LAW TO ADVERTISE, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO PRICES?

B. IF DENTISTS ARE PERMITTED TO ADVERTISE IN MEXICO, PLEASE PROVIDE A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF THE DEGREE TO WHICH ADVERTISING IS ACTUALLY EMPLOYED (E.G. "NEVER," "REGULARLY," ETC.

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C. PLEASE PROVIDE A LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING EDUCATION FOR DENTISTS IN MEXICO.

D. PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ANY INDIVIDUALS IN MEXICO WITH WHOM FTC MIGHT APPROPRIATELY MAKE

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INQUIRIES REGARDING DENTAL CARE IN MEXICO.

- E. IF POSSIBLE, PROVIDE SAMPLES OF RECENT NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS BY DENTISTS.
- 2. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT DENTAL SERVICE ADVERTISING IS PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN THE BORDER CITIES. COMMENTS FROM CONSULATE TIAJUANA WOULD BE WELCOME ON THIS ASPECT.
- 3. RESPONSE BY FEBRUARY 15, 1977 IS REQUESTED. VANCE

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